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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

SUBJECT: Production of Scientific Intelligence in the
Field of Biology

1. As a result of recent informal conversations between members of the scientific branches of CIA and the IAC agencies relative to biological warfare intelligence, it appears feasible and advisable in view of the common concern in the production of intelligence in the field of biology that a series of informal interdepartmental meetings be arranged.

2. This office believes that such meetings should be attended by representatives qualified to constitute a working committee on BW intelligence. This committee would have as its objectives:

a. The preparation of an interdepartmental plan for the production of BW intelligence including the formulation of requirements, an appraisal of departmental capabilities for effective collection action, the allocation of responsibilities for production by various agencies participating in the separate fields of inquiry and the coordinating measures requisite to insure most effective utilization of available talent to the end that overlapping duplication is reduced to the maximum practical extent.

b. The undertaking of a BW intelligence project which is designed to appraise and interpret in a single report all biological intelligence available to the Federal Government, in order that the extent of our present knowledge can be contained in a single document, available to operational, planning, and policy-making personnel, and that the intelligence agencies concerned may have a basic frame of reference on which to plan further production in this field.

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3. It is therefore requested that your office designate or arrange for a qualified representative in the field of BW intelligence from the Intelligence Division (Dr. V. O. Johnson is suggested), from the Office of the Surgeon General (Dr. A. R. Turner is suggested), from the Office of the Chemical Corps (Dr. H. I. Stubblefield and Major A. W. Spencer are suggested), to attend a series of meetings for the purpose of accomplishing the above stated objectives, the first of which is to be held on 4 October 1948 at 1000 hours in Room 2519, Temporary "H" Building. It is further requested that the attached forms, on which will be indicated the names of the representatives of your department, be returned to this office at the earliest practical date.

THEODORE HARRITT
Assistant Director
Reports and Estimates

Enclosures:

Designation of Representative Form - four copies (To be returned)
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